(b) if so, what are the details of the charges;

(c) what are the findings of Government in respect of these charges;

(d) whether the concerned complaint was asked to produce evidence in support of the charges and whether the complainant was heard in person before drawing conclusions in respect of the charges; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL) : (a) to (e) The NCCF appointed M/s R K. Sharma and Associates, the Chartered Accountants, N. Delhi as joint tax auditors for the cooperataive years 1986-87 on 26-6-87 jointly with M/s K.K. Goel and Associates, Chartered Accountants, N. Delhi. The terms of appointment, *interalia*, stipulated the completion of the tax audit work by 20th April, 1988. However, the firm failed to complete the tax audit work and the NCCF terminated the contract with them on 20th July, 88 On termination of the contract, Shri R K Sharma, partner of the firm represented to Deptt. of Civil Supplies making various allegations which were examined and found baseless and motivated. He was informed on 21-11-88 that no irregularities or manipulation of tax audit report as alleged by him had been committed by the NCCF. A complaint was filed with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, N Delhi on 12-12-88 against Shri R K. Sharma on grounds of professional and other misconduct. After examination of the complaint and the written statement of Shri R. K Sharma, the Council of the Institute has decided to initiate an inquiry by its Disciplinary Committee in the matter, which is under progress.

Discussion with State Governments for raising funds for construction of railway lines

1806 SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have initiated discussion with four State Governments on construction of railway lines in these States;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of such discussions;

(c) whether the same lines are likely to be taken up during the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the total amount involved for the said project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) State Governments of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa and Kerala have been requested to discuss the modalities for entering into an agreement and to have equity participation in the proposed Corporation to be set up for the construction of West Coast Railway Line from Mangalore to Roha Responses from the State Governments of Goa and Kerala have been received.

(c) Yes, Sir. Work on Mangalore-Udupi portion has already been approved in 1989-90. Budget and the Balance portion from Udupi to Roha has been approved in 1990-91 Budget.

(d) The cost of the project is estimated at Rs. 1043 crores.

Survey of Jayapur to Malkanagiri railway line

1807 SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration

to make survey of Jayapur to Malkanagiri Rail line in Orissa;

(b) if so, by when the survey work is likely to be started and completed; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No specific transportation requirements necessitating a railway line have come to notice

Implementation of ADAPT

1808 SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Area Development Approach Programme for Poverty Termination (ADAPT) Scheme which is in operation in some districts of Orissa is likely to be stopped very soon;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the amount spent so far after implementation of the programme and population benefited?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) The Area Development Approach for Poverty Termination (ADAPT) was in operation in 8 Blocks of Kalahandi district and 7 Blocks of Koraput district of Orissa during the two years of 1988-89 and 1989-90. The scheme period ended on 31st March, 1990. Even though the scheme period has ended, the special feeding programme is being continued up to September, 1990

(c) The approximate expenditure towards this programme upto 31st March, 1990 has been Rs. 1854 lakhs. The population of the above mentioned Blocks have been benefited.

Extension of DPAP and DADP

1809 SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to extend the Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) and Desert Area Development Programme (DADP) to more areas in the country;

(b) if so, the areas likely to be included in the current financial year;

(c) the number of blocks in different States included so far under the programmes and the population benefited as a result thereof; and

(d) whether any appraisal of these two programmes have been made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) and (b) The Government have set up a National Committee which, among other things, would look into the suggestions made by the State Government for future coverage under Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP). A decision on the inclusion of additional areas, if any, under these Programmes will be taken after the Report of the Committee is received.

(c) 615 block in 91 districts of 13 States area covered under the DPAP. In case of DDP, 131 blocks in 21 districts of 5 States are covered as per details at statement.